

# CALIFORNIA MEDICAL ASSOCIATION

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## CALIFORNIA MEDICAL ASSOCIATION

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### STATE AND COUNTY SOCIETY ACTIVITIES

#### WHAT DID YOU SAY?

*If you are tempted to reveal  
A tale someone to you has told  
About another, make it pass,  
Before you speak, three gates of gold,  
Three narrow gates—first, "Is it true?"  
Then, "Is it needful?" In your mind  
Give truthful answer; and the next  
Is last and narrower: "Is it kind?"  
And if to reach your lips at last  
It passes through these gateways three,  
Then you may tell the tale, nor fear  
What the result of speech may be.*

—From *The Arabian*, quoted in  
*The Rainbow*.

It is highly desired that members strive to conform to the above quoted advice. That there is a need for hesitancy and reflection in "What did you say" and how you said things, is evidenced by the increasing number of malpractice suits. In one county a 300 per cent increase in suits filed is recorded for the past year. Insurance companies are increasing rates and some are withdrawing coverage in certain counties and areas.

Primarily, many suits can be characterized as being wholly without merit, but masked in legal formalities and inspired by nonscrupulous lawyers, often sought and "worked up" by a lawyer. Next they are inspired by some physician who with premeditation utters to a patient derogatory comment upon the treatment rendered by another physician for revenge or spite. The seed is sown and the patient hurries to a lawyer, and suit is initiated. Many suits originate from remarks and comments spoken in a careless and casual way—call it a slip of the tongue if you wish.

These factors account for the increasing number of malpractice suits in this State. If physicians would refrain from thoughtlessly criticizing before or to patients the services rendered by another physician; if physicians would cease aiding attorneys in building up cases having no merit; if physicians would decline to testify against another physician unless the evidence clearly indicated malpractice—if these three 'dont's' were lived up to there would result a rapid decrease in the number of suits.

The plea is made that every member make it a point to so conduct himself and observe this manner of conduct.

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#### CONVENTION PLACE 1937

Before submitting recommendations to the House of Delegates as to cities where accommodations are adequate for holding our annual session, the Council makes an investigation as to local facilities. In order that this may be done, county societies desiring to be hosts for the 1937 annual session are requested to send their invitations to the State Secretary before March 15. The invitation should be accompanied by a statement imparting hotel accommodations, meeting auditoriums, exhibit halls, and attraction features.

### KERN COUNTY HOSPITAL DECISION

On January 31 the Fourth District Court of Appeals rendered a decision sustaining the Kern County Superior Court in determining that county supervisors could only hospitalize indigent cases in county hospitals. Full comment on this ruling and opinion will appear in our next issue.

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#### ANNUAL DUES

Dues for 1936 are now payable. If you have not sent in your check, will you not please do so today? Your county and state membership is a valuable asset. Do not permit it to lapse. Help lessen the work of your county secretary by prompt payment of your dues. Then go a bit farther by securing the affiliation of that associate who is eligible for membership. Invite him to accompany you to a meeting and tell him why he should join. Our 1936 goal is 6,000 members. Will you help us to attain it?

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#### COME UP AND SEE US

The editor of the *Journal of the Indiana State Medical Association* has seen fit to reprint the following paragraph.

The first impression the observant medical man gets in California is that there are more superannuated candidates for the cemetery than to be seen in any other section. Their presence depresses and haunts you! Go to California to live? Go there to die!!

No comment is made by the editor, but the inference can be perceived. In response the following is reprinted from our January issue:

An eastern surgeon, a university regent, and a man who has visited many clinics and medical meetings, not only in this country but all over the world, wrote in a personal communication:

"After leaving San Francisco, Mrs. S. and I went to Southern California, gaining impressions of the country in general and medical conditions in particular. Incidentally, we met a great many old friends and had a thoroughly enjoyable and profitable time. I came home with renewed and fresh impressions of the excellence of the medical service performed by the good men of the profession out there. Certainly your standards are as high as any in the country and far better than in most parts of the country, and I think all of you there can be well satisfied with what you are doing. There is a certain newness and freshness, a tendency to break away from restricting traditions, and an enterprising spirit which is very apparent to one who visits California after a period of years."

If eastern men would do as this surgeon did, come and spend two or three weeks in California, see and mingle with our members and gain first-hand information—well, eyes would see the light and there would be a new and better understanding.

To those of the profession who live and die east of the Rockies, we extend a cordial invitation to "Come up and see us." And to you in Indiana we assert that if you want to be "depressed" and "haunted" do not come to California, but visit and live in South Bend, Gary, Indiana Harbor, Hammond, with their barren sand dunes, swamp marshes, smoke, odor, and inhabitants of foreign birth. But if you desire to gain a new inspiration, to rid yourself of "depression" and "haunts"—come up and see us in California and learn whereof you comment. (Other editors please copy this friendly retort to our Indiana and Nebraska friends.) Afterthought: If you desire to die young, remain east of the Rockies. In California you live to a ripe old age midst pleasant lines and places—where men of eighty-five years root enthusiastically without pessimism. (Now it is your turn.)

## MINUTES OF SECRETARIES' CONFERENCE

On January 18 the first annual conference of county secretaries was held in San Francisco. Every county organization except one was represented. The representative from Humboldt County, much to his regret, was unable to reach San Francisco by reason of heavy rains and obstructed roads. In addition to the secretaries, all the State Association officers and majority of the Council were present.

The announced program was followed. Each speaker presented valuable, useful information and advice related to organizational work, policies, and problems. The discussions clarified and advanced the features and purposes of organization. A stenographic record of the conference is being transcribed, and will be published in the March issue.

All in all it was a red-letter day in the history of our Association. County secretaries are our key men. It is they who cause our county units to apply policies and unite members into a centralized body for the purpose of attaining all ends and objectives of organizational endeavor. At this conference these key men obtained a better understanding of the purposes of organization. They returned home enlightened and imbued with the responsibilities of their office. It can be confidently assumed that as they report to their fellow members, all of our county organizations will reveal an awakened activity that will record enhanced benefits to all members.

The Council greatly appreciates the time contributed by these secretaries in attending this conference. Members are urged to cooperate with their county officers, to the end that there may be witnessed a bigger and better State Association. Watch for the March issue for detailed report.

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## PIONEER PHYSICIANS IN SISKIYOU COUNTY

An interesting bit of history by a member who has been in practice fifty-eight years:

Dear Doctor Warnshuis:

Noticing a reference to myself in the November number of CALIFORNIA AND WESTERN MEDICINE (Vol. 43, No. 5, p. 372), and to some physicians whose fate I knew, I pass on to you the items:

Dr. Ridgeley was a middle-aged man when he practiced in Sawyers Bar, Siskiyou County, in the early 70's. Fate unknown.

Dr. Cabaniss, a Civil War surgeon, practiced at Fort Jones, California, in the early 70's. His son is, or was, a judge in Alameda County.

Dr. Furber died in Etna, also in the early 70's.

Dr. S. S. Harwood (a former Guy's Hospital student) died in the late 80's.

Dr. Helm died in Sawyer's Bar in the 90's.

Dr. Jewell died in Fort Jones in the late 80's.

Dr. McCash practiced in Sawyer's Bar early in 1877. Left and I know no more of him.

Dr. McNulty died in Yreka about 1917. Date known by Dr. Jones.

Dr. Ream died in Yreka. Date known by Dr. J. Roy Jones.

Dr. Smith died near Etna in the 80's.

Dr. Wadsworth dead. Dr. J. Roy Jones can give data.

Dr. Cowan died in Fort Jones. Dr. J. Roy Jones can give data.

Drs. Nutting and Tebbe, deceased, were former Etnaites; the former died in Etna, the latter in Weed, California.

The first medical society in Siskiyou County was organized some time in the 80's. As Siskiyou County Medical Society, it was affiliated with the State Society and both Dr. Nutting and myself were members. Owing to the difficulties of travel it lapsed into innocuous desuetude, but later reorganized and joined the State Society. When I came to Siskiyou County the railroad only reached Redding; much of our travel was over trails (all of mine until 1882). I commenced in Sawyer's Bar in 1877, later moving to the next town—Etna. I have stayed in Etna; still practice, drive my own auto, am health officer, and enjoy perusing CALIFORNIA AND WESTERN MEDICINE.

Yours fraternally,

E. W. BATHURST, M. D.

## "AMERICAN FOUNDATION STUDIES IN GOVERNMENT"

The following letter from the director of the Bureau of Economics of the American Medical Association should be of interest:

A considerable number of physicians throughout the United States have already received letters from the American Foundation Studies in Government requesting that they give their views informally on the present methods of medical practice and the degree to which medicine is now fulfilling its functions.

It was stated by Miss Esther Everett Lape, member in charge, that the Foundation has nothing to prove or to demonstrate to the Foundation Board. Miss Lape claimed, furthermore, that the information requested in the letters sent the physicians is not to be a statistical study; that neither the Foundation members nor the staff in charge have any preconceived notions, plans, programs or propaganda; that the study is to be confined to an endeavor to secure from practicing physicians statements of the factors involved in medical practice, opinions as to the extent to which the practice of medicine is fulfilling its functions, and expressions of the manner in which deficiencies or shortcomings in medical practice may be corrected if, and where, found. Miss Lape informed me that the Foundation desires to secure honest, complete, and well-considered statements; and that the correspondents' names will be withheld when desired. A considerable number of replies have already been received, and thus far the majority of the replies have given permission to use their statements in any legitimate way.

It appears, from Miss Lape's statements, that the compilation of the list of physicians to be circularized has not been completed and, therefore, all states have not yet been covered, but thus far about three thousand letters have been sent out. The returns, to date, number about 10 per cent of the letters mailed. It is expected that a much larger return will be received since many physicians have asked for more time in which to formulate their replies. The final list of physicians may reach ten thousand, more or less.

The final summary and digest of opinions and ideas will be prepared as a report to be sent to the correspondents whose material is used in the report for an examination prior to the release for publication.

Miss Lape, member in charge, expressed several times during the conference her anxiety over the activities of the small group in Washington which is attempting to change completely the existing social order. She expressed feelingly deep concern over the possibility of extending these reforms into the field of medicine. She was frank in expressing her opinion that some of these reforms might be merely a passing fancy, but if applied to medicine would result in a much greater social disaster than in other fields.

Information was offered by Miss Lape to the effect that the American Foundation has been engaged in other studies, such as the press poll of views of the World Court and views on Russian recognition. In each of these studies the Foundation has reported faithfully the views expressed by the writers, but at no time has it organized any propaganda or sought any objective except to present in an educational or informative way the actual uncolored facts or opinions.

Miss Lape wished it to be understood that the American Foundation's present undertaking to secure information from physicians is a bona fide effort to study certain phases of the economics of medicine by a method that has not been previously used. She stated that the Foundation is not so much interested in particulars, *per se*, as it is in the attitudes and opinions of physicians who can speak from experience on the way in which medicine is practiced and the manner in which it is meeting its obligations. Miss Lape assured me that there were no interests in the American Foundation seeking to forward any new theory or revolutionary scheme.

Miss Lape assured me that she and the American Foundation desire to keep in close contact with the American Medical Association and will welcome any suggestions, criticisms or assistance in the present study. She stated that the Foundation will be glad to answer any questions and will place the study in the Association's hands for examination if desired.

This is a report of statements made to me by Miss Esther Everett Lape and contains none of my personal opinions.

R. G. LELAND, M. D.,

Director, Bureau of Medical Economics.

## POLL ON HEALTH INSURANCE

The tables impart the segregated vote by county tabulation of the returns upon the following questions submitted to the licensed physicians of California.

Questions:

1. Shall the California Medical Association endorse any legislative change in the present system of medical practice?

2. Are you in favor of compulsory health insurance?

3. Are you in favor of voluntary health insurance?

(a) Voluntary health insurance under a plan carried on by the State of California?

(b) Voluntary health insurance carried on by lay companies under legislative control.

(c) Voluntary health insurance carried on by some form of organization of licensed physicians of California, created by legislation?

4. Are you a member of the California Medical Association?

Interpretation of these returns can now be formulated by the individual member. The returns present an interesting picture of the composite opinion of the licensed physicians and surgeons of California.

## HAPPENINGS OF THE MONTH

1. Council meeting, January 19. See important items in the minutes published in this issue, on page 120.

2. Committee on Public Relations. See report in Department of Public Relations in this issue of a conference held with representatives of medical staffs of hospitals on the question of hospital insurance. Your constructive recommendations will be welcomed.

3. San Diego Fair. Association accepts control and supervision of a separate building containing 22,000 square feet exhibit space, to be known as the Hall of Medical Science. In coöperation with the San Diego County Medical Society an outstanding educational exhibit of scientific medicine and preventive medicine is being prepared.

4. Plans for an Association sponsored program for malpractice insurance is being developed. Doctor Reinle's committee will present a full report to the House of Delegates.

5. Read editorials, Association news, and Department on Public Relations for important details of actions that are of vital interest to every member.

## Result of Vote on Referendum No. 2

## I. By Members of the California Medical Association

County	Question No. 1		Question No. 2		Question No. 3		Question No. 3A		Question No. 3B		Question No. 3C		No. of Members
	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	
Alameda	76	73	21	136	108	42	7	72	13	73	97	25	172
Amador	1	..	2	1	1	..	..	1	..	1	1	..	2
Butte	4	8	2	12	7	5	1	5	1	4	7	2	13
Calaveras	1	1	1	1	..	1	..	2	..	2	1	1	2
Colusa	1	1	..	2	2	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	3
Contra Costa	4	2	1	6	3	3	2	2	1	2	4	1	9
Del Norte	2	..	2	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	2
Eldorado	1	..	1	1	1	..	..	2	..	2	2	..	2
Fresno	8	11	4	11	11	6	1	8	1	9	11	4	22
Humboldt	6	6	2	8	5	4	3	3	..	7	6	3	12
Imperial	3	5	2	7	2	6	..	4	3	1	2	3	10
Inyo	1	..	..	1	1	..	..	1	..	1	1	..	1
Kern	7	9	6	10	5	10	2	6	..	8	6	6	17
Kings	5	3	2	5	1	5	..	2	..	2	2	1	8
Lake	2	1	1	2	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	3
Lassen	1	..	1	..	1	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	1
Los Angeles	272	402	103	477	417	237	59	288	53	290	397	107	732
Madera	2	..	..	1	2	..	1	..	..	1	2	..	2
Marin	5	8	4	7	10	5	3	3	..	4	9	2	17
Mariposa	1	..	..	1	1	..	..	1	..	1	1	..	1
Mendocino	2	..	1	3	3	..	..	2	1	1	2	..	4
Merced	3	8	1	8	5	5	..	2	1	3	4	2	11
Modoc	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Mono	..	1	..	1	1	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	1
Monterey	6	..	3	3	3	2	..	4	..	4	3	..	6
Napa	1	9	..	9	5	3	..	7	..	7	8	2	13
Nevada	..	3	1	3	1	1	..	1	1	1	1	..	4
Orange	12	18	4	26	19	12	3	8	3	13	17	4	33
Placer	5	6	2	7	5	2	..	4	..	4	5	..	11
Plumas	1	1	..	1	2	..	..	1	..	1	2	..	2
Riverside	12	17	1	31	20	13	3	10	2	12	16	6	33
Sacramento	10	37	3	44	26	23	6	14	6	15	18	7	51
San Benito	2	1	1	3	1	2	..	1	1	..	1	1	4
San Diego	41	77	11	110	64	54	15	45	5	54	60	27	148
San Francisco	153	140	174	99	138	110	19	114	25	107	135	38	319
San Joaquin	9	18	5	21	19	7	4	11	1	13	17	3	30
San Luis Obispo	10	16	2	21	14	5	3	6	..	9	17	2	26
San Mateo	3	3	1	4	4	..	..	3	..	3	4	..	6
Santa Barbara	22	23	13	30	29	12	3	18	2	17	25	8	51
Santa Clara	23	29	21	34	31	17	5	18	5	18	31	7	66
Santa Cruz	6	6	2	10	9	3	1	3	2	3	6	1	12
Shasta	..	3	1	1	..	2	..	1	..	1	..	1	3
Sierra	1	1	..	2	1	..	..	2	..	2	2	..	2
Siskiyou	4	3	1	4	6	1	..	6	..	5	5	1	7
Solano	4	2	1	3	3	2	1	4	..	4	2	3	6
Sonoma	8	10	4	16	12	6	6	7	..	11	8	7	20
Stanislaus	1	4	..	4	2	3	..	3	..	3	3	2	6
Tehama	..	2	..	2	1	1	..	1	..	1	1	1	2
Trinity	..	1	..	2	2	..	..	2	1	1	1	1	2
Tulare	6	11	3	11	6	7	2	2	..	2	5	..	17
Ventura	10	5	3	14	14	3	1	12	..	12	14	..	17
Yolo	2	4	3	4	4	3	1	3	..	4	1	2	7
Yuba	3	5	1	8	4	3	1	1	2	1	2	1	9
San Bernardino	23	29	7	48	39	11	4	26	7	21	31	12	56
Total	746	1,026	424	1,276	1,265	639	159	702	139	751	429	171	2,014
*Miscellaneous votes	37	35	21	49	34	24	12	24	4	28	28	14	75
	783	1,061	445	1,325	1,299	663	171	726	143	779	457	185	2,089

\* Out-of-town members, unreadable cancellation marks, etc.

### ELECTION OF A. M. A. AND C. M. A. OFFICERS: ANSWERS TO A LETTER

The following questions were received from a San Joaquin member. The answers sent him are published for the information of other members.

Q. Who elects the delegates to the American Medical Association and from what body are they chosen?

A. County societies elect from their membership one delegate for every fifty or major portion thereof of local members. These delegates constitute the House of Delegates of the State Association. The House of Delegates of the State Association elect the state delegates to the American Medical Association from the state members who have been fellows of the American Medical Association for a period of two or more years. California has

seven national delegates who, with delegates from other states, constitute the American Medical Association House of Delegates. That body is limited to 175 delegates.

Q. Who elects the officers of the American Medical Association, and from what body are they chosen?

A. The House of Delegates, upon nominations made on the floor, elect the American Medical Association officers from those who are fellows of the Association.

Q. Who appoints the editor of the *Journal of the American Medical Association*?

A. The Board of Trustees appoints the editor. The Board of Trustees, nine in number, is the interim governing body of the national organization. It convenes four times a year. It has an Executive Committee that convenes monthly.

### Result of Vote on Referendum No. 2

#### II. By Non-Members of the California Medical Association

County	Question No. 1		Question No. 2		Question No. 3		Question No. 3A		Question No. 3B		Question No. 3C		No. of Voters
	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	
Alameda	20	24	10	31	22	13	10	6	3	12	17	6	49
Amador	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Butte	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Calaveras	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Colusa	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Contra Costa	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Del Norte	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Eldorado	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Fresno	6	3	2	4	5	2	1	4	1	3	4	1	9
Humboldt	1	1	2	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	5
Imperial	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Inyo	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Kern	1	3	1	5	3	2	1	3	1	2	2	2	1
Kings	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Lake	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Lassen	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Los Angeles	113	185	58	242	149	120	31	105	36	104	112	64	351
Madera	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Marin	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Mariposa	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Mendocino	2	1	3	2	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Merced	1	1	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Modoc	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Mono	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Monterey	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Napa	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Nevada	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Orange	1	4	1	3	2	1	2	3	2	3	2	1	6
Placer	1	2	3	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	3
Plumas	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Riverside	3	6	1	5	5	3	2	2	2	2	6	1	9
Sacramento	2	4	5	3	3	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	6
San Benito	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
San Bernardino	1	4	1	4	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
San Diego	12	22	10	27	14	15	3	11	2	12	14	8	43
San Francisco	46	53	21	80	48	43	9	36	10	31	40	15	116
San Joaquin	6	7	10	9	9	4	1	3	1	3	8	1	14
San Luis Obispo	1	5	4	3	2	2	3	3	3	3	3	1	6
San Mateo	1	3	1	2	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	4
Santa Barbara	1	1	2	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	4
Santa Clara	9	3	2	10	9	1	1	6	2	5	3	3	16
Santa Cruz	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2
Shasta	1	3	1	3	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	1	4
Sierra	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Siskiyou	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Solano	1	4	6	1	4	1	1	1	2	1	2	1	6
Sonoma	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	3
Stanislaus	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Tehama	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2
Trinity	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2
Tulare	2	2	3	3	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	3
Ventura	2	2	1	3	3	1	1	2	1	1	3	2	6
Yolo	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2
Yuba	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Total	245	357	122	468	207	232	68	194	59	190	143	112	709
*Miscellaneous votes	15	20	10	26	22	10	5	13	2	9	17	3	35
	260	377	132	494	229	242	73	207	61	199	160	115	744

\* Out-of-town physicians, unreadable cancellations, etc.

### Referendum No. 2: Summary

#### Total Vote

	Yes	No
1. Shall the California Medical Association endorse any legislative change in the present system of medical practice?	1,043	1,438
2. Are you in favor of compulsory health insurance?	577	1,819
3. Are you in favor of voluntary health insurance?	1,265	905
A. Voluntary health insurance carried on by the State of California?	244	933
B. Voluntary health insurance carried on by lay companies under legislative control?	204	978
C. Voluntary health insurance carried on by some form of organization of licensed physicians of California created by legislation?	617	300
4. Are you a member of the California Medical Association?	2,089	744

## COUNCIL MINUTES

**Minutes of the Two Hundred and Fortieth  
Meeting of the Council of the California  
Medical Association**

*The following minutes were approved by the Council by mail vote.*

Held in Room 214, Sir Francis Drake Hotel, San Francisco, Sunday, January 19, 1936, at 9 a. m.

1. **Call to Order.**—The meeting was called to order by Vice-Chairman Morton R. Gibbons, with the following members present: President Robert A. Peers, President-elect Edward M. Palette, Speaker W. W. Roblee, Councilors Karl L. Schaupp, Carl Howson, Henry J. Ullmann, A. E. Anderson, A. L. Phillips, Henry S. Rogers, C. L. Emmons, Morton R. Gibbons, W. H. Kiger, C. E. Schoff, C. O. Tanner; Chairman of Public Relations Committee Charles A. Dukes, Editor George H. Kress, Secretary F. C. Warnshuis, and General Counsel Hartley F. Peart. T. Henshaw Kelly and O. D. Hamlin arrived after the meeting had convened.

Absent: Harry H. Wilson.

2. **Delegates to the American Medical Association.**—Junius B. Harris, on account of the press of other duties, submitted his resignation as delegate to the American Medical Association, as follows:

*"To the Council.*—I hereby tender my resignation as delegate to the American Medical Association for the session of 1936, to take effect immediately.

(Signed) J. B. Harris."

It was moved by Chairman of Public Relations Committee Dukes, seconded by Councilor Kiger, that the resignation of Doctor Harris be accepted. Carried.

On nomination of President-elect Palette, seconded by President Peers, F. C. Warnshuis was elected delegate to the American Medical Association for the 1936 session of the House of Delegates, in accordance with constitutional provisions.

Chairman of Public Relations Committee Dukes stated that he believed it would be impossible for him to attend the 1936 American Medical Association session and asked that his resignation be considered.

It was moved by Councilor Schaupp, seconded by Councilor Ullmann, that the resignation of Doctor Dukes as delegate to the American Medical Association be referred to the Executive Committee for consideration and action. Carried.

At this point Chairman Kelly took the chair.

2a. **Redistricting Councilor Districts.**—It was moved by Councilor Gibbons, seconded by Chairman of Public Relations Committee Dukes, that a committee of three be appointed from the Council to study the matter of redistricting councilor districts of the State and report to the Council, which shall submit recommendations thereon to the House of Delegates at the next meeting. Carried. (The committee appointed consisted of Doctors Rogers, Schoff, and Ullmann.)

3. **Ross-Loos Appeal.\***—The secretary read the opinion and decision of the Judicial Council of the American Medical Association sustaining the appeal of Clifford Loos and Donald Ross.

It was moved by President Peers, seconded by Councilor Gibbons, that the secretary be instructed to send a copy of the decision to the Los Angeles County Medical Association and to advise them that upon receipt of the dues of Doctors Ross and Loos, they will be considered as members in good standing in the California Medical Association. Carried.

\* **EDITOR'S NOTE.**—References to the Ross-Loos appeal were printed in the council minutes, as follows:

Vol. 42, No. 1 (January, 1935), page 48, items 8 and 10.  
Vol. 42, No. 1 (January, 1935), page 50, item 1.  
Vol. 42, No. 1 (January, 1935), page 54, item 30.  
Vol. 42, No. 2 (February, 1935), page 130, item 10.

AMERICAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION  
535 NORTH DEARBORN STREET  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

January 14, 1936.

F. C. Warnshuis, M. D.,  
Secretary, California Medical Association,  
San Francisco, California.

Dear Doctor Warnshuis:

Please find enclosed the official opinion of the Judicial Council of the American Medical Association in the case of the appeal of Dr. H. Clifford Loos and Dr. Donald Ross from the decision of the Council of the California Medical Association affirming the action of the Los Angeles County Medical Society, by which action Doctors Loos and Ross were expelled from membership.

Yours very sincerely,

(Signed) OLIN WEST.

*Opinion and decision of the Judicial Council of the American Medical Association in the case of the appeal of Dr. H. Clifford Loos and Dr. Donald Ross from the decision of the Council of the California Medical Association affirming the action of the Los Angeles County Medical Association expelling said members from membership therein.*

The authority of the Judicial Council in the appeal of Doctors Loos and Ross and similar cases is clearly outlined and delimited in the by-laws of the American Medical Association, Chapter IX, Section 1, in the following words:

"The judicial power of the Association shall be vested in the Judicial Council, whose decision shall be final. . . . In all cases which arise . . . (c) between a member or members and the component society to which said member or members belong . . . the Judicial Council shall have appellate jurisdiction in questions of law and procedure, but not of fact."

The above constitutional limitation on any review of the merits of a case therefore prevents the Judicial Council from expressing any opinion as to the guilt or innocence of the appellants in connection with any unethical practices alleged and charged against them.

Therefore, the questions upon which this Council must render the decision are: (1) Were the appellants properly and lawfully apprised of and charged with an offense; (2) were they properly and lawfully tried; and (3) were the procedures fair, just, and without material error.

The provisions for the disciplining of members appearing in the by-laws of the Los Angeles County Medical Association are as follows:

"Article 2, Section 5. Whenever a member of this Association is charged with a criminal offense or gross misconduct, either as a physician or as a citizen, or is charged with the violation of any of the provisions of the Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws, he shall be notified by the Board of Councilors to appear before that body within ten days to show cause why he should not be censured, suspended or expelled." "After a full hearing of the case, the Board of Councilors have power by a three-fourths vote to censure, suspend or expel the member without written or verbal explanation of its reasons, such action to be effective only after a right to appeal to the Council of the California Medical Association is given the accused."

The record shows and no denial by either appellant or respondent is made, that on a certain date the appellants were served with a notice to appear eleven days later before the Council of the Association to show cause why they should not be censured, suspended or expelled from membership. No statement of definite charges nor indication of the nature of any charges were contained in the summons. Upon receipt of the summons the appellants, by telephone, inquired from the secretary of the Association what the nature of the inquiry would be, whether they should bring their books or witnesses and whether they should be attended by their attorney. As stated by the secretary,

"the reply was in rough terms that the Council wanted to inquire into their relationship to advertising matter, particularly the circular that had just been circulated among the teachers of the Los Angeles County schools.

He asked me if they should bring attorneys, and I told him that usually the discussions before the Association were between members and the Council, and he asked should we want their books or witnesses, and I told him usually they were not brought, but that he could do as he wished." "My answers to him over the telephone were guided by an attempt to be as noncommittal and impersonal as I could."

Doctor Loos and Doctor Ross appeared as cited, and a report of the Association's Medical-Legal Committee was read in which definite charges were made, supported by direct statement of the committee, that the matters reported were true. Certain other matters were charged on the basis that "we are informed that." Doctor Loos and Doctor Ross denied all charges, explaining each one, and offered to bring legal evidence of the truth of their statements "if the Council wished." A general discussion developed during which matters not contained in the Medical-Legal Committee's report were included, after which Doctor Loos and Doctor Ross were excused. Following their retirement the Council voted to expel Doctor Loos and Doctor Ross, and also adopted the report of the Medical-Legal Committee.

It is a fundamental principle of American jurisprudence (1) that a person shall be considered innocent until he has been proved guilty; (2) that an accused person shall know of what he is accused; (3) that he shall have adequate opportunity to defend himself; (4) that he shall not be punished for an act not included in the charges against him; and (5) that he shall have a fair trial.

Every one of the above five principles was violated in the trial of this case before the Council of the Los Angeles County Medical Association. There is nothing in the record of this case and nothing in the hearing before the Judicial Council showing that these men had been proved guilty of anything covered by the report of the Medical-Legal Committee of the County Association.

No supporting evidence to that report was offered, and so far as the record shows, the committee, on the one hand, charged offenses and the appellants, on the other, denied them. The appellants at the time offered to submit proof of their denial, which later, in fact, they did in the form of sworn statements by officials of the organizations involved, which were presented in the appeal of the appellants to the California Medical Association. On the side of the Los Angeles County Medical Association was only circumstantial evidence sufficient to cause strong suspicion, but insufficient to convict.

No indications of what the charges were appeared in the summons to appear and show cause. The appellants tried to learn from the proper officer, the secretary of the Association, what the charges were. Instead of informing them, if indeed he knew since the report of the Medical-Legal Committee which constituted the charges was not adopted by the Board of Councilors until after the hearing was held, the secretary himself testified that he answered the inquiry "in rough terms that the Council wanted to inquire into their relationship to advertising matter." He also testified that in answer to the question as to whether the appellants should bring attorneys that "usually the discussions before the Association were between members and the Council." He carefully evaded any appearance of there being a formal trial and avoided telling them of what they were charged. They were, doubtless, lulled by the appearance of informality and dissuaded thereby from bringing supporting evidence to any statement they might wish to make by the absence of any charges in the summons and the evasiveness of the secretary in answering their inquiries as to the character of the charges. It is quite apparent that, whether guilty or not, they did not have a fair trial.

The by-laws of the California Medical Association, providing for the disciplining of the members of all its component county medical societies, are as follows:

"Chapter 11, Section 3. No member of a component county society shall be deprived of his membership unless by his own act, except by a two-thirds affirmative vote of all the active members in good standing of the component county society to which he belongs, present and voting at a regular meeting thereof, or by a two-thirds vote of its Council or Board of Directors, present and voting at a regular meeting thereof, and only after at least six weeks' written notice personally delivered to the member has been served upon him, fully stating the charges against

him, and only after such member shall have been given full opportunity to be heard in his own defense at such meeting."

The by-law of the California Medical Association is explicit, fair, just, and does not offend the principle of proper protection of the rights of membership in the county, state, and national organizations. The similar by-law of the Los Angeles County Medical Association, on the contrary, is vague, unfair, arbitrary, and fails to give adequate protection to every member of that society. At any time a small group of members having obtained positions of authority may use such authority against any member said group elects to prosecute or persecute and the member has only the protection of a time-consuming, expensive appeal to the Council of the State Association or the Judicial Council of the American Medical Association.

The California Medical Association is the creative and authoritative body over the Los Angeles County Medical Association. The County Medical Association is a unit in organized medicine because of the charter granted it by the said State Association. Therefore a by-law of the county society inconsistent and in conflict with a similar one of the State Association is null and void. The by-law of the California Medical Association, previously quoted, provides that "no member of a component society" shall be deprived of his membership except as provided therein. This covers the membership of the Los Angeles County Medical Association as well as the membership of every other component society.

It is admitted by the respondents that the whole procedure in the Los Angeles County Medical Association was irregular and prejudicial to the interests of the appellants, that they were entitled to the protection of the by-law of the State Association, but that by answering the summons, attending the meeting as directed and defending themselves against the report of the Medical-Legal Committee, they waived those rights provided by the State Association by-law. The Judicial Council is not impressed by this argument. The record shows that several times previous to this action the appellants had been called before the Society's representatives for discussion and explanation of their operations; that at no previous time had such formal notice been given and, therefore, an effort was made to learn from the proper officer what matter would be brought up, in order to be properly prepared; that appellants were lulled by that officer's evasiveness; that because of that evasiveness they were not prepared to present denial supported by legal evidence, but that they offered to obtain such evidence; that, in fact, they did produce such sworn evidence before the Council of the State Association later on. If a claim of waiver is to be made, it is the obligation of the party making the claim to show that there was an intent to waive. Such an intent cannot be assumed simply because an accused cited to appear does so appear and make general denial, and especially if the accused offers to produce further evidence by witnesses not then available to support the denials.

For the following briefly summarized reasons, viz., (a) the appellants were brought to trial with no definite knowledge of what they were charged, (b) they had no adequate opportunity to defend themselves, (c) they were expelled for some unknown act not appearing in the charges, and (d) they did not have a fair trial, which appear in full in the above analysis, the Judicial Council supports the appeal of Dr. H. Clifford Loos and Dr. Donald Ross from the decision of the Council of the California Medical Association, which affirmed the action of the Los Angeles County Medical Association expelling said physicians from membership therein.

GEORGE EDWARD FOLLANSBEE, M. D.  
WALTER DONALDSON  
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JOHN H. O'SHEA

January 2, 1936.

4. **Kern County Membership Appeals.**—The secretary read the notice of appeal from the action of the Kern County Medical Society Board of Directors expelling Joe K. Smith from the Kern County Medical Society and suspending J. M. Kirby and R. M. Jones for a period of fifteen years, and H. H. Rogers for a period of five years,

signed by these physicians and filed in the office of the Association.

It was moved by Chairman of Public Relations Committee Dukes, seconded by Councilor Schaupp, that a committee of the Council be appointed to exert proper efforts at conciliation and compromise in the matter of these expulsions and suspensions from the Kern County Society, prior to the hearing of the appeal. Carried. (The committee appointed consisted of Doctors Howson, Anderson, and Ullmann.)

**5. San Francisco County Membership Appeals.**—The secretary reported that notice of appeal from the action of the San Francisco County Board of Directors in suspending Ferd W. Callison for a period of fifteen years, and request for hearing relative to the suspension by the San Francisco County Society of Herbert J. Cohn for a period of ninety days, had been filed in the office of the Association.

It was moved by Councilor Kiger, seconded by Councilor Ullmann, that a special committee of the Council be appointed to exert proper efforts at conciliation and compromise in the matter of suspensions from the San Francisco County Medical Society. Carried. (The committee appointed consisted of Doctors Dukes, Hamlin, and Rogers.)

**6. Date of Next Council Meeting.**—It was moved by President-elect Pallette, seconded by Speaker Roblee, that the next meeting of the Council be held at the Sir Francis Drake Hotel, San Francisco, on Saturday, April 11, 1936, at 9 a. m., and that the hearing of the appeal of Kern County members be held at 10 a. m. of said day, and the hearings of appeals of San Francisco County Society members be held at 2:30 p. m. of said day. Carried.

**7. Conduct of Hearings.**—Chairman of Public Relations Committee Dukes raised the question as to whether or not members presenting appeals might be represented by attorneys at law.

After discussion it was the consensus of opinion of the Council that members desiring to be represented by attorneys might secure such services under the limitations set forth at the hearing by the chairman of the Council.

**8. San Diego Fair Exhibits.**—The secretary reported on the exhibit to be conducted under the auspices of the California Medical Association and the San Diego Society at the San Diego Fair, and read a letter from the American Medical Association signifying its willingness to exhibit if the supervision and control was under the medical association.

Clarence G. Toland, chairman of the Association's Committee on the San Diego Fair Exhibit, presented a detailed report on the proposed exhibits and a list of participants, and stressed the necessity of supervision of the entire exhibit by someone trained in the preparation and control of scientific exhibits.

It was moved by Councilor Ullmann, seconded by Councilor Kiger, that the California Medical Association offer the services of its secretary to the San Diego County Medical Society and the Fair Management in the development of a medical exhibit and that the expenses of the secretary be paid by the Association. Carried.

**9. Malpractice Insurance.**—George G. Reinle, chairman of the Committee on Medical Defense, submitted a detailed report on the present situation of medical defense and suggested that the Council appoint a committee to make a further study of the most desirable solution of the problem.

It was moved by Chairman of Public Relations Committee Dukes, seconded by Councilor Emmons, that the Committee of Medical Defense and such advisory committee as may be appointed by it, be authorized to make a further study of the matter. Carried.

The necessity of securing aid of a trained insurance man in collection of actuarial statistics was discussed, and on motion of Councilor Gibbons, seconded by President Peers, John G. Johnson Co. was authorized to make negotiations with various insurance companies and submit a plan for medical defense insurance.

The letter designating Mr. Johnson as broker follows:

John G. Johnson Company,  
San Francisco.

Gentlemen:

You are hereby appointed by the Council of the California Medical Association the sole insurance broker of the Association to devise plans and to negotiate for medical malpractice insurance, including both legal defense and indemnification to cover members of the California Medical Association.

It is understood that this is without obligation to the California Medical Association, and that no plan or policy will be effective until approved in all details, in writing, by the Council of the California Medical Association. This appointment may be terminated as set forth in our letter of transmittal.

Yours very truly,

F. C. WARNSHUIS, *Secretary.*

John G. Johnson Company,  
Russ Building,  
San Francisco.

Gentlemen:

The Council of the California Medical Association hereby nominates and appoints you as its sole insurance broker upon the following terms and conditions and for the duration of time hereinafter stated.

**1. Services and Limitations:** In your capacity as insurance broker for the Council of the California Medical Association you are to devise plans of, and to negotiate for, insurance policies of such conditions and terms as to provide for the members of this Association, legal defense in the event that actions are brought against them for malpractice and to indemnify a member whenever such action results in a judgment for damages against him.

**2. Acceptance of Policies, Terms and Premiums:** Before any plan of form of malpractice insurance protection for the members is executed all the terms, conditions, procedures, coverage and policy provisions shall be submitted to the Council of the California Medical Association for its final endorsement and approval. It is specifically stipulated that this Council or any of the members of this Association shall not be under any obligation to you or any insurance carrier until final approval and agreement shall have been executed in writing by the Council.

It is further stipulated that the Council of the California Medical Association does not assume any financial obligation to you, or any insurance company for expenses that may be incurred by you or by them.

**3. Termination of Broker Service:** The Council hereby reserves the right to cancel your appointment as Association Liability insurance broker, upon written notice, whenever the Council deems that such cancellation is in the best interests of this Association and its members. It is hereby stipulated that in the event of such cancellation neither the Council of the Association nor any of its members shall be financially obligated for any services that you or your firm may have rendered.

COUNCIL OF CALIFORNIA MEDICAL ASSOCIATION.

By T. Henshaw Kelly, *Chairman.*

F. C. Warnshuis, *Secretary.*

Accepted:

**10. Review Books.**—It was moved by President-elect Pallette, seconded by Councilor Kiger, that all books sent to the Association for review be retained in the offices of the Association and that the magazines received in exchange be sent to the San Francisco County Society Library and that the previous monthly payment of \$15 in lieu of rent be discontinued. Carried.

**11. Medical Society of New Jersey.**—A letter from the Medical Society of New Jersey regarding a special meeting of the House of Delegates of the American Medical Association on medical economics was read and placed on file.

**12. Practice of Radiology.**—A resolution from the Pacific Roentgen Club, supporting the action of the California Medical Association that holds that all branches of radiology are the practice of medicine, was read.

The secretary read the following resolution, which was presented by the Section on Radiology of the California Medical Association:

WHEREAS, Certain organized lay groups in this country are endeavoring to arrange for the provision of diagnostic



medical service along with and as part of hospital services; and

WHEREAS, The provision of such diagnostic medical services will inevitably foster fundamental changes in the practice of medicine; and

WHEREAS, Such changes in the practice of medicine may well result in deterioration of our present medical standards and especially in deterioration in the quality of medical care furnished to hospital patients; now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That it is the official policy of the House of Delegates of the American Medical Association that it disapproves of the division of any branch of medicine into technical and professional portions; and be it further

*Resolved*, That copies of this resolution shall be brought to the attention of the American Hospital Association and its affiliated groups, to the end that existing arrangements permitting division in medical practice be terminated as speedily as possible.

It was moved by Councilor Rogers, seconded by Councilor Ullmann, that the request of the Section on Radiology be complied with and that the delegates to the American Medical Association be requested to introduce this resolution at the 1936 Kansas City meeting of the House of Delegates. Carried.

**13. Association Correspondence.**—The secretary read a letter from Olin West stating that the California Medical Association letter of December 2, relating to negligence in replies to specific questions asked by this Association, had been received and would be referred to the Executive Committee and the Board of Trustees. The secretary reported that no further reply has been received to date.

**14. Lay Technicians.**—The proposed University of California Extension Course for training of lay technicians was discussed and, on motion of Editor Kress, seconded by Councilor Rogers, the matter was referred to the secretary for reference to the proper committee. Carried.

**15. Woman's Auxiliary.**—A letter from the chairman of the Committee on Associated Societies and Technical Groups asking, on behalf of the Woman's Auxiliary, for \$150 for entertainment at the annual session, was read.

It was moved by Speaker Roblee, seconded by Chairman of Public Relations Committee Dukes, that \$150 be given to the Woman's Auxiliary for entertainment at the annual session. Carried.

**16. Editor of the American Medical Association Journal.**—After consideration of clippings taken from the daily press and letter from a member of the Association, on motion of Councilor Kiger, duly seconded, the following resolution was adopted:

WHEREAS, The editor of the *Journal of the American Medical Association* is a paid employee of the Board of Trustees and the House of Delegates; and

WHEREAS, This employed editor has for some years been conducting a syndicated column in the local press of the country by writing articles on medicine, health and allied subjects over his name to which is appended the title of "Editor of the *Journal of the American Medical Association and Hygeia*," for which he receives financial returns to his own personal profit and gain; and

WHEREAS, The public gains the impression that in these articles the editor is the spokesman for the Association and its members and that the articles are endorsed by the Association; and

WHEREAS, Section XVI of the By-Laws provides that no memorial, resolution or opinion of any character whatever shall be issued in the name of the Association unless it has been approved by the House of Delegates; and

WHEREAS, Many of these syndicated articles of the employed editor of the Association have received adverse criticism and disapproval by lay and professional men because of their content, style and errors, thereby producing adverse reflection upon the Association; and

WHEREAS, The employed editor is not the spokesman of the Association or its members as he has at times stated and implied; now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the Council and officers of the California Medical Association do hereby respectfully petition and request the Board of Trustees of the American Medical Association to take action to instruct the employed editor to immediately discontinue the use of the title "Editor of the

*Journal of the American Medical Association and Hygeia*" after his name in his syndicated articles written for non-medical publications; and be it

*Resolved*, That the Board of Trustees of the Association be requested to take the necessary action that will prevent its employed editor from capitalizing upon his position and using it for his personal financial profit; and be it

*Resolved*, That the Board of Trustees require its employed editor to devote his entire time to the editorial duties of that office; and be it

*Resolved*, That the secretary of the California Medical Association be hereby instructed to send a copy of this resolution to the chairman and the secretary and members of the Board of Trustees, secretaries and editors of the State Associations and to all the members of the House of Delegates of the American Medical Association.

**17. Health Insurance.**—A detailed tabulated report on the poll taken of all of the licensed physicians and surgeons in California upon changes in laws governing medical practice in California was submitted, and on motion duly made, seconded and carried, the report was accepted, the committee thanked for its services, and the poll declared closed.

**18. Association Headquarters.**—The secretary presented correspondence regarding the acquisition of a permanent Association headquarters.

It was moved by Peers, seconded by Roblee, that a committee be appointed to study this matter from all angles and be authorized to take an option upon the property without any down payment, and report back to the Council. Carried. (The committee appointed consisted of Doctors Kelly, Pallette, Gibbons, Roblee, and Warnshuis.)

**19. Recess.**—At this point a recess was declared for luncheon.

**20. Call to Order.**—The Council was called to order by Chairman Kelly after the recess.

**21. Committee of Five.**—Correspondence was read from Dr. W. R. Molony, chairman of the Committee of Five, stating that Professor Dodd had advised him that all materials relating to the California Medical Association's part of the survey were being forwarded to the Association offices and that final revision of the report was now being made, which would complete his responsibility to the Committee of Five.

Discussion was then had of the matter of final revision and evaluation of the report. Doctor Yoell was granted the privilege of the floor, and stressed the desirability of securing the services of Professor Canning for a final revision of the report. Further discussion followed.

It was moved by Councilor Howson, seconded by Councilor Ullmann, that the matter be laid on the table for two hours. Carried.

**22. Secretary's Annual Report.**—The secretary presented his annual report to the Council as mailed to all members thereof.

It was moved by Councilor Ullmann, seconded by Councilor Kiger, that the report of the secretary be accepted for submission to the House of Delegates. Carried.

**23. Auditing Committee Report.**—The question of transportation expense was raised, and it was the sense of the Council that the present allocation of railroad fare and lower berth be abided by.

Excerpts from the audit of the Association's accounts as prepared by Ernst & Ernst, certified public accountants, were read. The allocation to the JOURNAL of \$3 dues of the members in place of the former allocation of \$2 was discussed in detail. It was pointed out that this accounted for a relative amount of loss in "Association" accounts and gain in "JOURNAL" accounts over the previous years.

It was moved by Councilor Gibbons, seconded by Editor Kress, that the accountants be requested to change the Association books to the type used by a nonprofit organization. Carried.

It was moved by Councilor Gibbons, seconded by Speaker Roblee, that the expense incurred by the president and the president-elect in visiting county societies be approved for payment by the Association. Carried.



**24. Scientific Sections of the Association.**—The secretary recommended, upon suggestion of the Scientific Committee and Section officers, that a study be made of the Scientific Sections of the Association with a view of reorganizing the same.

It was moved by President-elect Pallette, seconded by Phillips, that a committee survey this matter and report to the Council, who will in turn make recommendations for submission to the House of Delegates. Carried. (The committee appointed consisted of Morton R. Gibbons, L. A. Goin, L. P. Adams, John Ruddock, and Fred Gundrum.)

**25. Funds of the Association.**—It was moved by Councilor Kiger, seconded by Councilor Emmons, that the Association and revolving funds of the Association be deposited in the Crocker First National Bank.

**26. Budget.**—The chairman of the Auditing Committee submitted the budget of the Association for the year 1936-1937.

It was the sense of the Council that the expense of the various departments be broken down and shown each under one subheading in the budget.

It was moved by Councilor Gibbons, seconded by President-elect Pallette, that the budget as submitted with the emendations suggested be approved by the Council for submission to the House of Delegates. Carried.

**27. Qualifying Certificate Act.**—George H. Kress, chairman of the Special Committee on the Qualifying Certificate Act, submitted the minutes of the meeting of his committee, which was held on December 14, 1935.

It was moved by Editor Kress, seconded by Councilor Gibbons, that the proposed enactment of a qualifying certificate act by initiative petition be postponed until the November, 1938, election. Carried.

On motion of Pallette, seconded by Ullmann, the following resolution was submitted to the Council for action:

WHEREAS, The referendum vote of the California Medical Association members on a proposed Qualifying Certificate (Basic Science) law showed that about 90 per cent of the physicians who cast ballots were in favor of such initiative law; and

WHEREAS, Because of the new registration laws, an initiative cannot be submitted to the electorate until November, 1938; now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, By the Council of the California Medical Association that the sum of \$35,000 be set aside from the funds of the Association as a separate fund to be earmarked for use in the November, 1938, State election, at which time the proposed Qualifying Certificate Law will be placed on the ballot.

A vote on the question was called for, and there being a division of opinion Doctor Schoff called for a vote by roll call.

Noes: Doctors Peers, Roblee, Kelly, Schaupp, Emmons, Ullmann, Anderson, Phillips, Hamlin, Rogers, Tanner, Gibbons, and Harris.

Ayes: Doctors Pallette, Howson, Schoff, and Kiger.

There being thirteen noes and four ayes, the motion was declared defeated.

**28. Disciplinary Procedure.**—William Roblee, chairman of the Committee on Disciplinary Procedure, presented the report of his committee. The proposed by-laws embodying rules of ethics and procedure were then considered, section by section.

It was moved by Councilor Gibbons, seconded by Councilor Emmons, that any member of the Council who had further suggestions for the by-laws and rules for disciplinary procedure submit same to the committee within the shortest time possible, and that the committee submit a final report to the next Council meeting. Carried.

**29. Foreign Exchanges.**—On motion of Councilor Ullmann, seconded by Councilor Rogers, the Council directed that foreign exchanges be discontinued. Carried.

**30. Publication of Nevada Papers.**—The editor was authorized to use his discretion on publication of papers received from the Nevada Association, maintaining the same quality standard as is observed in acceptance of papers from California authors.

**31. Journal to American Medical Association Delegates.**—It was moved by President-elect Pallette, seconded by Councilor Kiger, that, for one year, CALIFORNIA AND WESTERN MEDICINE be sent to all members of the House of Delegates of the American Medical Association and to the American Medical Association trustees. Carried.

**32. Roster of Association.**—It was moved by Councilor Schaupp, seconded by Councilor Anderson, that a roster of members of the California Medical Association be published in the JOURNAL as heretofore. Carried.

**33. Special Societies.**—Discussion was had of the inclusion of special societies in the list of organizations published in the forepart of the JOURNAL.

On motion duly made, seconded and carried, it was ordered that organizations applying for such listing be advised that it is the policy of the Association not to publish lists of any special organizations.

**34. Complimentary Journals.**—It was moved by Editor Kress, seconded by Councilor Kiger, that Lionel Browne, attorney for the State Board of Health and the Board of Medical Examiners, be placed on the complimentary mailing list of the JOURNAL. Carried.

**35. Annual Session.**—The secretary stated that, due to illness, Dr. Tate Mason may be unable to attend the annual session as an invited speaker.

Full discussion was had of entertainment at the annual session.

It was moved by Councilor Gibbons, seconded by Councilor Ullmann, that the matter of expenditure for entertainment at the annual session at Coronado be left in the hands of the secretary and the local Committee on Arrangements. Carried.

**36. Public Relations Department.**—The secretary reported for the committee chairman that the Committee on Public Relations and representatives of the various hospitals in California had met and discussed hospital service under Assembly Bill 246 and that the hospital representatives and the radiologists are to form a committee to meet with the Public Relations Committee for the purpose of formulating a state policy regarding hospital and laboratory services in connection with hospital insurance.

**37. Committee of Five.**—It was moved by Councilor Ullmann, and seconded by Councilor Gibbons, that the matter of securing the services of Professor Canning to assist in the final revision of the survey report be removed from the table.

Doctor Schoff stated that he wished to go on record as suggesting to the Committee of Five that Doctor Canning be employed, but that the matter be referred back to the Committee of Five for any action.

It was moved by President-elect Pallette, seconded by Councilor Emmons, that the matter of securing the services of Professor Canning be returned to the table. Doctors Schaupp and Gibbons voted in the negative. There being a division of opinion the chair called for a vote by roll call.

Ayes: Doctors Pallette, Roblee, Emmons, Howson, Ullmann, Anderson, Phillips, Hamlin, Kiger; Harris (with right to explain his vote).

Noes: Doctors Kelly, Schaupp; Schoff, qualified with "No" on tabling because he wants to have the matter go back to the Committee of Five; Rogers, Gibbons.

Ten votes to table being cast in the affirmative and five in the negative, the matter of securing the services of Doctor Canning was returned to the table.

Doctor Harris then explained his affirmative vote, stating that he did not wish to bury the report, but that he thought this was the wrong time to employ Professor Canning and that he believed this matter should go back to the Committee of Five and that a stimulating committee should be appointed to act with the Committee of Five.

It was moved by Councilor Harris, seconded by President-elect Pallette, that a committee of three, consisting of Doctors Kelly, Pallette, and Roblee, be appointed to

act with the Committee of Five, to the end that this survey report be placed in its final form at the earliest possible moment. Carried.

**38. Legal Department.**—The general counsel reported on the present status of the case of *Pacific Employers vs. Insurance Commissioner*, and *Francis vs. Nelson*.

The general counsel stated that he had received a letter from the American Medical Association wherein Doctor Woodward did not agree with the contentions made by the California Medical Association regarding exemption of physicians from income tax.

**39. Farm Bureaus.**—Doctor Rogers outlined activities of the various Farm Bureaus and stated that speakers had been furnished for lay meetings on several occasions and that through the cooperation of the secretary additional speakers would be furnished in the future.

**40. Tax-Supported Hospitals.**—Dr. Anderson, chairman of the Committee on Tax-Supported Hospitals and Medical Services, stated that the committee was gathering information and that questionnaires had been received and were now ready for tabulation and that a further progress report would be submitted.

**41. Cancer Commission Report.**—Dr. Ullmann stated that many requests had been received for copies of the report of the Cancer Commission and that the Commission desired to have additional reprints made for resale at 75 cents per copy.

It was moved by Councilor Ullmann, seconded by Councilor Harris, that the secretary of the Association be authorized to secure reprints of the report of the Cancer Commission on the basis of the bid submitted by Stacey, subject to the approval of the Auditing Committee of such expenditure of funds. Carried.

**42. Adjournment.**—There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

T. HENSHAW KELLY, *Chairman*.

F. C. WARNSHUIS, *Secretary*.

## COMPONENT COUNTY MEDICAL SOCIETIES

### FRESNO COUNTY

The months of December and January have been busy days for the officers and members of the Society. Under the leadership of our new president, Dr. Kenneth Staniford, several new projects have been launched by the Society. The Woman's Auxiliary has been definitely organized and is now under way as an important aid to the Society.

On December 12, 1935, the Board of Directors met in special session with representatives of the American Red Cross. After listening to arguments from the Red Cross, the Board finally approved the organization of a well-baby conference, to be conducted in a section of Fresno where infant mortality is high and medical service inadequate. The Red Cross pledged a rigid social servicing of all applicants to the conference.

The regular meeting of the Society took place on January 7 at the University-Sequoia Club. Dinner preceded the meeting, which was well attended. Following the showing of some interesting African films by Mr. John Cooper, the scientific program was presented by Dr. Alson Kilgore of San Francisco. His subject was the *False Acute Abdomen*. Doctor Kilgore discussed in detail the differential diagnosis of the acute surgical and nonsurgical abdomen. His paper was intensely interesting and enjoyed by all those present.

On January 16 the Board of Directors again held a special meeting with the Committee on Hospitals and the Committee on Public Policy and Legislation. The purpose of this meeting, in the main, was to discuss the hospital insurance plan, which has again come to life by virtue of recent legislation in favor of this means to reduce the costs of medical care. The committees were instructed by the Board to review in detail the plan already approved by the Society some time ago, and if deemed feasible to report back with their recommendations to the next board meeting. It is then planned to present the pro-

posed project to the Society, which, if approved, will be put in working form and offered to the public.

The Board of Directors, at this meeting, also went on record as endorsing the efforts of the local committee for the President's birthday ball in combating poliomyelitis, and instructed the secretary to give a radio address on January 18 relative to the Society's approval of the anti-poliomyelitis campaign.

HENRY A. RANDEL, *Secretary*.

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### HUMBOLDT COUNTY

The Humboldt County Medical Society held their regular meeting on the evening of December 18, 1935, at the St. Joseph's Hospital, President Charles C. Falk, Jr., presiding.

The applications of Francis H. O'Neil, Joseph M. Brown and Thomas F. Thorp, having been reported upon favorably by the State Society, were received into the local society. A resolution was passed and forwarded to Governor Merriam, urging the Governor to reappoint Dr. Charles B. Pinkham as a member of the State Board of Medical Examiners.

Ten-minute talks were given by the following members of the American College of Surgeons: Lane Falk, G. F. Norman, B. M. Marshall, O. R. Myers, and Charles C. Falk, Jr.

Election of officers for 1936 was held, with the following results: Joseph S. Woolford, president; Allan R. Watson, vice-president; John A. Lane, treasurer; Lawrence A. Wing, secretary; Lane Falk, delegate; Wilson Stegeman, alternate.

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The Humboldt County Medical Society held its regular monthly meeting on January 16 at the Eureka Inn. There were twenty members present, and two guests—Doctors Albert V. Pettit and George Ward of San Francisco. President J. S. Woolford presided, and Dr. Lane Falk was chairman of the day.

Due to the fact that reports of our monthly meetings did not get into the JOURNAL more regularly, on motion we changed our regular meeting night from the third Thursday to the first Thursday, thereby giving time to get a report in the issue of the same month.

The Society was the guest of Dr. Lane Falk at a crab luncheon, followed at three o'clock by special pictures and discussion on the lower abdominal and pelvic cavities. In the evening at eight o'clock, Doctor Pettit, assisted by Doctor Ward, presented the main paper—*The Principles which Lie Behind Certain Operations of the Abdominal and Pelvic Cavities, as of the Suspension of the Uterus, Vaginal Suspension of the Stump, Trachelorrhaphy, Cystocele, Enterocoele and Pelvic Inflammations*. Discussion of the above paper was given by Doctors O. R. Myers, Lane Falk, J. F. Walsh, and Charles Falk, Jr. The Society was very grateful to Doctors Pettit and Ward for putting on such a splendid program, especially due to the fact of facing such a storm, taking two days to reach Eureka.

The next meeting, in February, will be a joint meeting with the dentists. A speaker from the Public Health League will address us.

LAWRENCE A. WING, *Secretary*.

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### SACRAMENTO COUNTY

The regular annual business meeting of the Sacramento Society for Medical Improvement was called to order by the president, Orrin S. Cook, on the evening of December 17, 1935, at the Elks Temple. Thirty-five members were present.

Election of officers for 1936 resulted as follows:

Board of Directors—Doctors Cook, MacDonald, Van Den Berg, Ankele, Scatena, Wallerius, Hale, Dozier, and Pollock.

Delegates—Doctors Hale and Scatena were elected to serve as delegates for the years 1936 and 1937.

Alternates—Doctors Cook and Christmas were elected to serve as alternates for the years 1936 and 1937.

Dr. Norris R. Jones was elected secretary-treasurer.

Moved and seconded that Dr. W. K. Lindsay be made an honorary member of this society, subject to action by the California Medical Association. Passed.

FRANK WARNE LEE, *Secretary*.

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#### SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY

The meeting of the San Bernardino County Medical Society was held at the San Bernardino County Charity Hospital on Tuesday, January 7, at 8 p. m. The meeting was called to order by the president. About seventy-five members and guests were present.

The president called attention to the special meeting with the Riverside County Medical Society on January 13 for the purpose of meeting with the State Association officers.

The following names were voted on and approved for membership: Drs. Clarence W. Dail, Aumond D. Meyers, and Edwin H. Shryock. Loma Linda; Marcus D. White, Ontario.

Mr. H. P. Thoreson, County Director of SERA, spoke briefly on the shortage of funds, beyond their control, and asked the panel physicians to cooperate in every way to help control expense.

The secretary announced the unfortunate and untimely death of Dr. John A. Graham of Barstow. The following resolution was approved:

WHEREAS, It has pleased the Almighty God to take from our midst our beloved and highly respected colleague, Dr. John A. Graham; and

WHEREAS, This Society feels most deeply the loss of one of its outstanding members; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the San Bernardino County Medical Society extend to the bereaved family this expression of its deep sorrow and most sincere and heartfelt sympathy, and that this resolution be spread upon the minutes of the Society.

The program of the evening was then given as follows:

*Cancer of the Breast*, a symposium by the American Society for the Control of Cancer, Dr. John H. Flude, western field representative. Discussion by Drs. C. G. Hilliard, J. A. Patterson, C. C. Owen, P. M. Savage, Sr., C. L. Emmons, and John C. Staub, Jr.

A. E. VARDEN, *Secretary*.

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#### SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY

The regular meeting of the San Joaquin County Medical Society was held on January 9.

The meeting was preceded by the customary supper meeting at the Hotel Wolf, called to order at 6:15 p. m., at which there were twenty-two in attendance. Dr. Sam Hanson presented a very interesting paper on *The Occurrence and Management of Persistent Occiput Posterior*.

The regular meeting was called to order at 8:15 p. m. by the retiring president, C. A. Broadus.

The petition for membership of Dr. John Rosasco being favorably acted upon by the Admissions Committee, and there being no objections on the floor, he was elected to membership. The petitions for membership of Doctors Green, Hooker, Peterson, DenDulk, and Baron were read and referred to the Admissions Committee.

Dr. A. L. Van Meter reported on the status of the postgraduate study course, stating that the balance on hand in the treasury at the termination of the course could be used in 1936 possibly to bring some man from the East to present a series of talks. Dr. R. T. McGurk moved that the Society go on record thanking the membership of the Postgraduate Study Committee for their efforts in presenting the postgraduate course. This was seconded by Doctor English, and the motion carried. Doctor Fitzgerald moved that the secretary write a note of appreciation to all of the men who presented papers to the postgraduate study course. Carried. The certificates of completion of the postgraduate study course were then presented by President C. A. Broadus.

The papers of the evening were presented by Dr. E. Butler, who spoke on *Aid to Diagnosis in Wounds in the Abdomen and Recent Advances in the Treatment of Poisons*. Both papers were very enthusiastically received and presented a wealth of information on the handling of emergency cases. The discussion was participated in by Doctors Chapman, McGurk, Powers, Griner, McNiel, H. Smythe, and Van Meter.

There being no further business to come before the Society the meeting was declared adjourned at 9:30 p. m. and refreshments were served.

G. H. ROHRBACHER, *Secretary*.

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#### SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY

At the annual meeting on December 28, 1935, the San Luis Obispo County Medical Society elected the following officers: L. T. Wade of San Luis Obispo, president; Charles Kennedy of Paso Robles, vice-president; F. W. Yocom of San Luis Obispo, secretary-treasurer; C. J. Teass of San Luis Obispo, delegate; D. A. Crew, alternate.

Board of Directors—F. C. Mugler, Ira Bartle, of San Luis Obispo, and A. H. Wilmar of Paso Robles.

The dues for the ensuing year were set at \$15.

The above election followed the annual dinner at the Paso Robles Hotel. During the business meeting the Woman's Auxiliary to the San Luis Obispo County Medical Society held its annual meeting.

The following telegram was sent to Governor Merriam on January 3:

"The San Luis Obispo County Medical Society unanimously requests that you reappoint Dr. Charles B. Pinkham as a member of the State Board of Medical Examiners."

FRANK W. YOCOM, *Secretary*.

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#### SANTA BARBARA COUNTY

The annual banquet meeting of the Santa Barbara County Medical Society was held at the Hotel Mar Monte, Monday evening, January 13, President E. K. Shelton presiding. There were present seventy members and thirteen guests.

During the interval preceding the banquet, cocktails were served, and the tellers distributed and collected the ballots for the annual election.

During the dinner course the assembly was most enjoyably entertained by Dr. Henry Profant and his group with instrumental music and songs.

At the conclusion of the dinner the president announced the election of the following officers for the ensuing year: P. A. Gray, president; Irving Will, vice-president; H. G. Hanze and C. G. Baird, vice-presidents-at-large; W. H. Eaton, secretary-treasurer. Delegates to the State Association convention (two-year term), Hugh Freidell and Rodney Atsatt. Alternates, Richard Evans and H. E. Henderson. Council, Hugh Freidell, H. E. Henderson, and O. C. Jones.

After brief remarks by retiring President Shelton and incoming President Gray, the speaker of the evening, Dr. A. Th. Polyzoides of the University of Southern California was introduced. Doctor Polyzoides' subject, *The Rising Importance of the Pacific Area*, was discussed most ably and interestingly, and brought forth many facts of extreme importance regarding our future relations with the Orient. The discussion was most timely and greatly enjoyed by all.

Guests of the Society, Doctor Grimm of the dental society and Mr. Ross of the Bar Association, were then called upon for brief remarks.

Upon balloting, Dr. J. Kenneth Patterson was unanimously elected into the Society.

Dr. Charles Baird, representing the Santa Maria branch of the county society, extended an invitation that the May meeting of the Society be held in Santa Maria. The invitation was unanimously accepted.

W. H. EATON, *Secretary*.

## SISKIYOU COUNTY

The regular meeting of the Siskiyou County Medical Society was held at the Yreka Inn at Yreka on December 15, 1935. The meeting was called to order by President J. R. U. Campbell.

A letter was read from the State Board of Medical Examiners stating that Doctor "Tinker," who has been practicing in the city of Mount Shasta without a license, had been warned to discontinue such practice under penalty of criminal prosecution.

A card was received stating that Doctor McCann, who was formerly at McCloud, had transferred to the Upper Mississippi Medical Society.

It was moved, seconded and passed, that a petition be sent from this society to Governor Merriam requesting that he reappoint Dr. Charles B. Pinkham as secretary of the State Board of Medical Examiners.

Moved, seconded and passed, that a letter of commendation be sent to Doctor Seeley (who has moved to Redding) for his untiring efforts as secretary-treasurer during the past year.

Election of officers was held and the following were elected to office: C. C. Dickinson of McCloud, president; Doctor McGuire of Mount Shasta, vice-president; E. F. Carlson of Fort Jones, secretary-treasurer.

A round-robin discussion of interesting cases and their treatment was then carried out. The next meeting will be held at Mount Shasta City on January 26.

E. F. CARLSON, *Secretary*.

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## SOLANO COUNTY

A regular meeting of the Solano County Medical Society was held Tuesday evening, January 14, at eight o'clock at the Casa de Vallejo Hotel.

After dinner, routine business was transacted.

Dr. M. Elizabeth Jenkins was elected to membership in the Society.

Dr. A. V. Doran of Vallejo introduced the guest speaker of the evening, Dr. Hans Lisser, clinical professor of medicine at the University of California. The title of Doctor Lisser's talk was *Adrenal Cortical Syndromes, with Mention of Cushing's Disease, and Arrhenoblastoma*. The subject was very interesting and greatly enjoyed by all the doctors present.

In addition to members of the Solano County Medical Society, guests from Mare Island, Crockett, Benicia, Napa, and from the Napa State Hospital were present.

JOHN W. GREEN, *Secretary*.

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## SONOMA COUNTY

The Sonoma County Medical Society met on January 9 at the Occidental Hotel in Santa Rosa. Twenty-five members were present.

Dr. E. B. Shaw of San Francisco addressed the Society on *Communicable Diseases*, stressing recent ideas of prophylaxis. His paper was well received, and our members were impressed with the excellent presentation of a very interesting subject.

A short discussion concerning the care of the indigent sick was held during the evening.

CLIFFORD M. CARLSON, *Secretary*.

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## STANISLAUS COUNTY

The regular monthly meeting of the Stanislaus County Medical Society was held at the Hotel Modesto on December 13, 1935, with thirty-two members present. A splendid dinner was served by the management of the hotel.

We had as our guests, Dr. Robert Peers, president of the State Medical Association; Dr. Frederick C. Warnshuis, secretary of the State Medical Association; and Dr. Axel E. Anderson, district councilor.

Following the dinner a motion was made by Dr. Hans Hartman that, inasmuch as it was Doctor Peers' sixtieth birthday, the Society should extend to him some remembrance in honor of the occasion. Therefore, he moved that Doctor Peers be made an honorary member of the Stanislaus County Medical Society. The motion was seconded by Doctor Morris, and the secretary was instructed to cast a ballot for a unanimous election of Doctor Peers. Motion carried. The secretary announced Doctor Peers elected.

Application of Dr. Hoyt Gant for membership was presented. Moved by Doctor DeLappe, and seconded by Dr. Hans Hartman, that Doctor Gant be accepted to membership. Motion carried.

Doctor Maxwell gave a report regarding Mrs. King, public health nurse. . . .

There being no further business to come before the meeting, President Allen introduced Dr. Robert Peers. In opening his address, Doctor Peers said: "Fellow members of Stanislaus County—You have given me the most wonderful and acceptable birthday gift. I shall always remember and cherish your kindness and courtesy as well as the good fellowship that has already been expressed." Doctor Peers then spoke upon the work of the State Medical Association and dwelt upon the betterment of its present conditions. He reported thirty-nine societies representing 90 per cent of the eligible physicians and surgeons. These members elect the House of Delegates, which is the governing body; therefore, the House of Delegates represents 90 per cent of the physicians and surgeons of the State. He stressed the necessity of reading CALIFORNIA AND WESTERN MEDICINE, with special emphasis on the editorials, for there are to be found problems of organized medicine. In closing, he stated that each and every member having any problems to consider should feel free to consult the councilor of his district, for in this way the district becomes a constructive unit of a cohesive State Association.

Dr. Axel Anderson, councilor of this district, was the next speaker. Doctor Anderson spoke at some length on the report of the State Committee on County Hospital Problems. He also called to our attention the present and ever-increasing problems of aid to superannuated physicians, saying that he believed this problem was becoming more and more a vital one, and asked that this society and all others give it earnest consideration.

Doctor Warnshuis was next introduced. He first paid tribute to Doctor DeLappe, retired councilor of this district, for his long sincere services to the medical profession of this State. Doctor Warnshuis spoke at length on the progress of medicine, stating that through post-graduate work only could the modern physician keep abreast of the times. Medical society meetings are of the most extreme importance, and the present proposed extension course should be of great value to all of the medical profession. He next touched upon liability malpractice insurance. He stated that one of the companies would increase its rates 20 per cent on January 1, 1936, and that there has been a 300 per cent increase in the rates of this type of insurance in Los Angeles County. Also that the State of California is paying 50 per cent higher rates than our brethren on the eastern seaboard. There should be a report early in January by the State committee investigating this problem, with the idea in mind of supplying through the State Association, malpractice liability at cost to its members. Doctor Warnshuis advised all members to avail themselves of the present legal protection that the State Society now furnishes.

Doctor McPheeters expressed his appreciation of the above service and stated that this legal protection had saved him a great deal of worry and costs.

The Stanislaus County Medical Society, through its president, expressed to all the speakers its appreciation of their time and individual effort that they had so gladly and gratuitously given.

E. F. HAGEDORN, *Secretary*.

**TULARE COUNTY  
KINGS COUNTY  
(Joint Meeting)**

The final 1935 meeting of the Tulare County Medical Society was held at Motley's Café, Visalia, at 6:30 p. m. on December 22, 1935. Dinner preceded the meeting.

The Kings County Medical Society met with us by invitation to hear the reports of the State Society officers, who were our guests on this evening. President Ray Rosson presided. President Chamlee of the Kings County Medical Society responded for the visitors. The meeting was then turned over to the State officers, who were the guests of honor.

Robert Peers, president of the State Medical Association, reported on his plans of visiting every county society in the State and discussed the workings of the State Association.

District Councilor A. E. Anderson of Fresno outlined the county hospital survey program and submitted a preliminary report of the work done.

Dr. F. S. Warnshuis, state secretary, spoke of the State Association's activities in regard to: (a) Postgraduate conferences. (b) Program of educating the public on medical problems through corps of speakers for various public groups. (c) Recent developments on hospital insurance, and increased premiums for malpractice insurance; and urged us all to read the official publication of the California Medical Association, to keep abreast of problems of organized medicine in California.

Dr. LeRoy Briggs, professor of clinical medicine at the University of California Hospital, delivered the scientific paper of the evening. The *Clinical Significance of Jaundice as a Symptom* formed the subject of his paper, which was most ably presented. A rising vote of appreciation was extended Doctor Briggs for his talk and willingness to answer the many questions at its conclusion.

At the close of the clinical program a regular business session took place. Various communications were read. A motion was made by Doctor Lipson to urge the re-appointment of Dr. Charles B. Pinkham to the State Board of Medical Examiners, and instructions given to forward a copy of this resolution to Governor Merriam. The motion was seconded and carried.

A motion by Doctor Ginsburg was carried to reinstate Doctor Zeller.

Nomination and election of officers for 1936 was next in order, and resulted as follows: J. C. McClure of Lindsay, president; John Fillmore of Strathmore, vice-president; K. F. Weiss of Visalia, secretary-treasurer. Censors, Doctors Tourtillott (1937), Ginsburg (1938), Ray Rosson (1939). Delegate, Ray Rosson of Tulare. Alternate, K. F. Weiss of Visalia.

Dues for the year 1936 were voted to be left as formerly—\$10, California Medical Association; and \$10, county society.

An unusually large attendance marked this meeting. Members and guests present included Doctors Grone-miller, Murphy, Bridgman, Chamlee, Fillmore, Tourtillott, Nicholson, A. Miller, Preston, Newbecker, P. Miller, Hellbaum, Brigham, Watke, Matthias, Crawshaw, Charles Rosson, Winns, Falk, Neal, Lipson, A. E. Anderson, Robert Peers, Ray Rosson, F. C. Warnshuis, Weiss, LeRoy Briggs, Ginsburg, E. C. Bond, Guido, McClure, Betts, and Parkinson.

Doctor Rosson then closed his 1935 term of office by thanking the members for their support during the year.

KARL F. WEISS, Secretary.

## CHANGES IN MEMBERSHIP

### New Members (17)

*Alameda County.*—Emery R. Ranker, Thomas Hubert Reiss.

*Napa County.*—Frank X. McGreane.

*San Bernardino County.*—Justin W. Neighbor, Marvin K. Paup.

*San Diego County.*—J. Aston Jetton, James R. Matson, Horace G. Merrill, Rufus A. Schneiders, John W. Warren.

*San Joaquin County.*—J. L. Rosasco.

*San Luis Obispo County.*—Justin A. Frank.

*Santa Clara County.*—Thomas H. Boone, Howard George Diesner.

*Solano County.*—Herman B. Perkins.

*Stanislaus County.*—Hoyt R. Gant.

*Tulare County.*—Harry Falk.

### Transferred (3)

Peter Paul Baron, from Siskiyou County to Alameda County.

Orta Edward Kuhn, from Napa County to San Joaquin County.

Leslie D. Trott, from Los Angeles County to Orange County.

### Resigned (4)

J. W. Calkins, from Alameda County.

Edmond W. Parsons, from San Francisco County.

H. Schwartzman, from Alameda County.

Reuben S. Zumwalt, from San Francisco County.

## In Memoriam

**Dubois, Charles Warren.** Died at Los Angeles, December 17, 1935, age 33. Graduate of Cornell University Medical College, Ithaca, New York, 1927. Licensed in California in 1930. Doctor DuBois was a member of the Los Angeles County Medical Association, the California Medical Association, and the American Medical Association.

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**Graham, John Alexander.** Died at Los Angeles, January 2, 1936, age 59. Graduate of the Chicago College of Medicine and Surgery, 1915. Licensed in California in 1923. Doctor Graham was a member of the San Bernardino County Medical Society, the California Medical Association, and a Fellow of the American Medical Association.

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**Rathbun, William T.** Died at Colusa, December 28, 1935, age 66. Graduate of the University of California Medical School, San Francisco, 1892. Licensed in California in 1893. Doctor Rathbun was a member of the Yolo-Colusa-Glenn County Medical Society, the California Medical Association, and the American Medical Association.

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**Wheeler, Ira Abbey.** Died at St. Helena, January 2, 1936, age 75. Graduate of the California Eclectic Medical College in 1894, and licensed in California the same year. Doctor Wheeler was a member of the Sonoma County Medical Society, the California Medical Association, and a Fellow of the American Medical Association.

## C. M. A. DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC RELATIONS†

### Wishful Thinking

In seeking solution for confronting problems in government, legislation business and social activities, satisfactory plans for reform are delayed because of a very wide tendency toward wishful thinking on the part of all peoples. There is much talk and harangue, but very little thinking. And among those who have attempted to think the nature of thought follows wishful lines. A wish is expressed and advanced as a solution, but right there the effort ends. Wishes will never bring about solution. Effort must be recorded.

† The complete roster of the Committee on Public Relations is printed on page 2 of the front advertising section of each issue. Dr. Charles A. Dukes of Oakland is the chairman, and Dr. F. C. Warnshuis is the secretary. Component county societies and California Medical Association members are invited to present their problems to the committee. All communications should be sent to the director of the department, Dr. F. C. Warnshuis, Room 2004, Four Fifty Sutter Street, San Francisco.

Basic interests are common and action must be revealed ere the eleventh hour has struck. Petty differences must be put aside. United organized effort must be made to gather up the dragging reins of government business and social security and to take our place in the driver's seat.

Protests against "crackpot" social and economic legislation: denunciation of irresponsible legislators and unscrupulous public officials and politicians is useless unless it results in united action, and action will not be enlisted till the wishful thinker becomes a positive thinker. Impelled by a positive purpose, united, then by action society can rid itself of evil things, business can go on its way to prosperous days, and government will be directed and administered by citizens that are capable, competent, efficient and honest.

Local, state, and national elections are near at hand. Candidates for many elective offices are being groomed and assuming positions in the election race. Politicians are building their fences and planning for the spoils. Mr. Voter is only wishfully thinking when positive action is needed.

Our 5,400 members can exert a wholesome influence upon more than three-quarters of a million voters and cause them to become positive thinkers united to become positive workers for reform in all avenues of life. More will be said about this later.

Just now the urge is that you assume a positive rôle prepared to enlist for united action. Decline to pledge support for any candidate until you have been reliably informed as to his capability, integrity, and stand upon the questions of the day. At an early date you will be enlightened as to certain positive movements that will bring relief from present intolerable conditions and your active support will be solicited.

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#### Expert Testimony

One does not have to go far to secure evidence that under legal procedure personal injury cases are not settled by a dispassionate jury inquiring into facts. It is evident that these cases are "built up" to maximum effectiveness. We are all more or less informed as to how expert testimony is introduced and how it is given consideration by a jury. It can be stated, as did a lawyer addressing the law class in Harvard, that "the present mode of procedure, in so far as medical testimony is concerned, is not a particularly edifying one." In place of reforms in court procedure in personal injury cases the situation is becoming more and more intolerable.

Now come F. E. Elliott and Ramsay Spillman, who advance a method and plan to correct this miscarriage of equity and justice. In the October, 1935, issue of the law journal—*Law and Contemporary Problems*—they cite many abuses and review the whole subject. They conclude with these recommendations!

1. Case to be heard by a tribunal of three—one judge, a medical man, one layman.
2. Eliminate present contingent fees of the attorney. Let the court determine the value of an attorney's services.
3. Impose a penalty upon an attorney who brings an action for which there are no reasonable grounds.
4. Develop standards for use in determining degree and consequences of personal injury.
5. Limit medical testimony to fundamental facts.
6. Experts are to be employed by the court and become servants of the court in expressing opinions.
7. Experts can only be questioned by the court.

As they are discussed these proposals create a strong appeal and a desire to bring about their initiation in a problem that calls for reform. To that end members are invited to send in their comments. If sufficient interest is manifested the Committee on Public Relations will then undertake to see how this reform may be accomplished in the courts of California. Please send us your reactions and comments.

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#### Important "Don't's"

If members will learn to observe the following advice they will save themselves from much trouble:

1. Don't assign accounts to a collection agency until you ascertain the standing and reputation of the agency. This department will be glad to inform you.

2. Don't fall for "directories" that promise you business if you will pay a certain sum for listing your name.

3. Don't take out an insurance policy because you are given a promise of appointment as a medical examiner or member of their panel of physicians.

4. Don't operate on a minor without written consent of the parent or guardian.

5. Don't perform a sterilization operation on a minor without a *court order*. On those who have attained their majority, secure written consent.

6. Don't operate on anyone without a clear and full understanding as to the nature of the operation. See *The Journal of the American Medical Association*, p. 33, January 4, 1936, issue for forms for consent for operations, examinations, and autopsy.

7. Don't sue for an account till the period of limitations has expired.

8. Don't report on services rendered to life insurance companies without patient's consent. Obtain fee for these reports from the company.

9. Don't make affidavits until you know their purpose.

10. Don't fail to obtain consultation or advice when you are in doubt.

11. Don't employ lay technical x-ray and laboratory persons. Use licensed physician's laboratories.

12. Don't violate patients' confidential physician-patient relationship.

13. Don't fail to keep complete accurate records.

14. Don't be an easy mark in falling for agents' representations.

15. Don't sign till you know what you are signing.

16. Don't fail to consult your investment banker before investing in any business or promotion scheme.

17. Don't prescribe narcotics for transient persons.

18. Don't sign a death certificate if you have not seen the patient within thirty-six hours before death. Call the coroner.

19. Don't neglect carrying indemnity defense insurance.

20. Don't break the Golden Rule.

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#### Conference with Chiefs of Medical Staffs of Hospitals

On January 18 the Committee on Public Relations held a conference with representatives of hospital medical staffs. The purpose of the conference was to accomplish the formulation and acceptance of a state-wide policy in regard to what shall be incorporated in "hospital service" in any plan of hospital insurance authorized under Assembly Bill 246, passed by the last legislature.

Some fifty representatives attended. Profitable discussions and suggestions ensued in the two-hour session. The conference concluded with the appointment of three representatives of the hospitals and of the laboratory directors who will meet at an early date with the Committee on Public Relations for the purpose of drafting a state-wide policy. When this is accomplished, due announcement will be made.

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#### Minutes of the Meeting of the Committee on Public Relations, January 18, 1936: Conference with Hospital Representatives

Representatives of the Class A hospitals throughout the State of California met with the members of the Committee on Public Relations on January 18, 1936, at the Sir Francis Drake Hotel, San Francisco.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Dukes at 4:15 p. m.

Doctor Dukes greeted the visiting staff members.

Doctor Warnshuis gave an outline of the features of an insurance plan which would meet with the approval of the Department of Public Relations of the California Medical Association. These features are as follows:

1. The patient should have free choice of hospitals.
2. The patient should have free choice of doctors, but he must be a reputable approved physician.

3. Services given the patient should consist only of the ordinary hospital care—not to include services of laboratory technicians, as it has been held that services of pathology and x-ray laboratories should not be a part of the hospital service.



Doctor Warnshuis asked that the various hospitals submit their plans for hospital insurance to their own county society and they in turn will submit the same to the Committee on Public Relations, which will be glad to render any advice or counsel desired.

Doctor Dukes called on Dr. Harold Brunn to outline his views for hospital insurance. Doctor Brunn stated that the hospitals are grouping together to formulate a plan, and all of the hospitals in San Francisco have joined the group, with the exception of the University of California (due to State affiliation) and Mary's Help Hospital, which will probably join at a later date.

The plan set forth by Doctor Brunn was as follows:

The patient is entitled to have any doctor he wishes. The doctor will render a bill to the hospital for laboratory services. The patient will be entitled to any service which the hospital now gives, including services of the x-ray laboratory.

It is Doctor Brunn's contention that the radiologist and roentgenologist would have a better chance of changing the present order of their standing under the hospital insurance plan than they have at present.

Dr. Loren Chandler of San Francisco said the hospital group spoken of by Doctor Brunn is composed of three representatives from each hospital, having an executive committee of six. An agreement of policy between the nonprofit organization and the patient and between each hospital and nonprofit organization has been drawn up. When the final copy has been compiled, it will be submitted to a group having a radiologist representation. This policy will be offered to employed groups only at probably 80 cents per month to each individual. This policy will not include the dependents of the employed group. Hospital services will be given for a limit of twenty-one days in any year. Services to consist of bed, board, general nursing care, ordinary drugs, etc., and the services of a physician who is a member of the hospital staff. The patient will be entitled to select any hospital in the group and must be admitted by his own physician. The facilities of the operating room will be given the attending physician and the facilities of the x-ray room and laboratories to be used by any radiologist that is acceptable to the hospital. This policy will be submitted to the various members of the groups and in its final form to the Council of the California Medical Association.

Dr. E. J. Best, representing the Franklin Hospital, stated that the Franklin Hospital has not yet agreed to join the hospital organization, as the constitution by which the hospital is now operated will not allow such action, but the staff members are entirely in accord with the movement. He stated that the hospital would perhaps join at a later date.

The Sutter Hospital of Sacramento was asked to send a representative to the meeting, but were unable to do so. Doctor Warnshuis read a letter from Doctor Scatena, chief of staff of the Sutter Hospital.

Dr. Haight Mitchell of Alameda said he thought a hospital service plan should be worked out which did not include radiologists, pathologists, roentgenologists, etc., and, although a plan could not be worked out which would be workable in every city, the policies issued should be as uniform as possible.

Dr. Clain Gelston of the Children's Hospital set forth a plan by which the hospital will not give medical services, but will offer to the physician the use of the hospital equipment. The patient to be brought in by his own physician. The x-ray department, including the technicians, will be at the disposal of the physician.

Doctor Cook of Los Angeles spoke of a plan which has been in operation in Los Angeles and which has worked out most satisfactorily. He will send a written copy of the plan.

Dr. Raymond Swinney of Long Beach urged that a working plan for hospital insurance be inaugurated as soon as possible or the medical profession will be forced to accept a plan not satisfactory to them.

Dr. Lowell S. Goin of Los Angeles spoke of the position of the roentgenologist in medicine of today and asked that these men be given consideration in the forming of the hospital insurance plan. He urged that in the forming of the plan the hospitals should not be given the right to practice radiology.

Dr. Alexander Keenan of San Francisco: The hospitals are not practicing medicine; the facilities are there for the use of the physician. The physician should send his own bill to the hospital. The hospital will be paid \$6 a day from the central fund. When any special work is done by the technician, the technician will be paid for his services. The x-ray man is now paid by the hospital, but if this arrangement is not satisfactory he can send his bill direct.

William Holley of Los Angeles is entirely in agreement with the hospital insurance plan and believes such a plan should be made to meet the requirements of the middle class of people. Doctor Holley also spoke of the necessity of the medical profession's grouping together.

Dr. T. Henshaw Kelly does not believe the hospital should give any service other than that of bed, board, and general nursing care. The doctors and hospitals should coöperate with each other to make a hospital insurance plan workable. The pathologists and roentgenologists are medical doctors and should be treated as such; they should not be a separate part of the medical profession.

Doctor Dukes stated that, from hearing the various discussions, a working plan could be formulated and asked that the various groups send in their reactions to the questions brought up in this meeting.

Dr. Rodney Yoell spoke of the obligation of a physician to his patient and the responsibility of the doctor for this patient. He said the technical men should work out their own problem in regard to who should and should not practice pathology, roentgenology, etc., and how the bills of these men should be rendered—to the physician in charge or to the patient direct.

Doctor Stone: The radiologists are not trying to change the present plan of practice of medicine, but are working toward the recognition of the profession that x-ray work is specialty work.

Dr. Morton Gibbons: It is suggested that a meeting of the Public Relations Committee with three representatives of hospital and roentgenologists be arranged. This was concurred in, and Doctor Warnshuis will notify the members when the meeting is to be held.

After the adjournment of the meeting of the staff members and the Public Relations Committee, the regular meeting of the Public Relations Committee was called to order by Chairman Dukes.

Doctor Warnshuis outlined a plan whereby the material of the Public Health Institutes will be sent to the San Diego Fair. The California Medical Association has been granted 22,000 feet of space for these exhibits. In addition, the American Medical Association will also have space for exhibits at the fair. If the public health exhibits are sent to the Fair, the Public Health Institutes to be held in various parts of the State will be suspended until after the month of September, 1936. It was moved by Doctor Peers, seconded by Doctor Gibbons, that the exhibits be sent to the San Diego Fair. Carried.

The Federation of Women's Clubs are desirous of putting on an educational program throughout the State on the mental hygiene problem of the child and the adult. They have requested that the Department of Public Relations of the California Medical Association coöperate with them in this work.

It was moved by Doctor Gibbons and seconded by Doctor Dukes that the Department of Public Relations coöperate with the Federation of Women's Clubs in this work. Carried.

Doctor Warnshuis suggested that at the next annual meeting of the California Medical Association to be held in Coronado in May that the Association sponsor an evening public meeting in San Diego.

It was moved by Doctor Gibbons and seconded by Doctor Askey that this meeting be arranged. Carried.

Doctor Warnshuis displayed the placard which has been prepared to hang in the reception room of doctors' offices, entitled "The Physician and His Patient." It was suggested that these placards be sent with certificates to all doctors. It was moved by Doctor Gibbons and seconded by Doctor Peers that these placards be sent to the members. Carried.

The activities of the Public Relations Department were outlined by Doctor Warnshuis. These activities include



the sending of press releases to some 250 newspapers every week. Several doctors have been asked to send in articles suitable for press releases. Doctor Warnshuis requested Doctor Askey to secure from Mr. Cochems some of his radio talks to be used as a press release.

Steps should be taken to contact the San Francisco Fair Administration members so that the California Medical Association may acquire directorships of the San Francisco Fair of 1938.

It was moved by Doctor Gibbons and seconded by Doctor Askey that steps be taken by the director to contact the San Francisco Fair Committee. Carried.

It was moved by Doctor Peers and seconded by Doctor Graves that the cost of printed placards for insertion with the monthly statements of public utility companies, etc., be ascertained. Carried.

Upon motion of Doctor Gibbons, seconded by Doctor Askey, Doctor Warnshuis was instructed to make arrangements for a future meeting of the chiefs of staff of the various hospitals throughout the State with the members of the Public Relations Committee. Doctor Warnshuis is to arrange the meeting and the time thereof.

Adjourned 6:45 p. m.

C. A. DUKES, *Chairman*,  
F. C. WARNSHUIS, *Secretary*.

## THE WOMEN'S AUXILIARY TO THE CALIFORNIA MEDICAL ASSOCIATION†

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### State Auxiliary News

*State Board Meeting.*—A meeting of the officers and members of the board of the Woman's Auxiliary to the California Medical Association has been called by the president, Mrs. Thomas J. Clark of Oakland, for Monday, February 10, to be held in Los Angeles. All members of the state board are urged to attend, and all county presidents are most cordially invited to the session. The report of the convention chairman, Mrs. Elliott G. Colby of San Diego, of the preparations and plans for the annual state meeting to be held in Coronado the latter part of May will be of great interest to all Auxiliary members. The capable manner in which Mrs. Colby has handled the pre-convention arrangements promises an excellent session. The details of the place and hour of the board meeting will be mailed by the state secretary, Mrs. C. Kelly Canelo of San Jose.

*Fresno County to Have Auxiliary.*—The Fresno County Medical Society held its annual meeting on December 3 at the University Sequoia Club, and invited as its guests the members' wives. Mrs. William H. Sargent of Oakland, State Chairman of Membership and Organization, was a guest of honor for the occasion, and in an after-dinner talk told of the need and the value of the medical auxiliaries organized throughout the State and the nation. Mrs. Sargent speaks well and to the point, and easily brought the already evident interest and enthusiasm of the Fresno women to decisive action. When the dinner program was over the women adjourned to a session of their own, and the initial plans of organization were formed. Officers of the new unit will soon be announced. The California Auxiliary gives warm welcome to this new county group, which becomes the seventeenth Auxiliary of the State.

† As county auxiliaries to the Woman's Auxiliary to the California Medical Association are formed, the names of their officers should be forwarded to Mrs. Elmer Belt, chairman of the Publicity and Publications Committee, 2200 Live Oak Drive, Los Angeles. Brief reports of county auxiliary meetings will be welcomed by Mrs. Belt and must be sent to her before publication takes place in this column. For lists of state and county officers, see advertising page 6. The Council of the California Medical Association has instructed the editor to allocate two pages in every issue for Woman's Auxiliary notes.

*Current Medical Topics Material.*—In a recent "National News Letter," Mrs. Rogers N. Herbert of Nashville, Tennessee, National Auxiliary president, gives some of the sources from which materials and information on current medical questions can be obtained. These suggestions may prove helpful for study or programs in the county auxiliaries here. Mrs. Herbert says:

"Pamphlets and handbooks containing scientific information on nearly every subject which your Auxiliary might care to present may be secured at a nominal cost from Dr. W. W. Bauer, director of the Bureau of Public Instruction, American Medical Association, 535 North Dearborn Street, Chicago, Illinois. An especial need is felt at this time for pamphlets prepared by the American Medical Association on current subjects, such as 'New Forms of Medical Practice,' and the 'Handbook of Sickness Insurance, State Medicine, and the Cost of Medical Care.' These pamphlets may be obtained from the secretary of the California Medical Association.

"Special radio talks have been prepared by the American Medical Association for five, ten, and fifteen-minute broadcasts, and may be obtained for local use by writing the Bureau of Public Instruction. If planning local broadcasts, bear in mind the dates of the national American Medical Association radio programs to avoid conflicts. The American Medical Association began its radio broadcasts on October 1, to continue every Tuesday thereafter over the blue network of the National Broadcasting Company at 5 p. m., eastern standard time (2 p. m. Pacific time).

"The general theme, 'Medical Emergencies and How They Are Met,' will be presented in dramatized form with incidental music. Publicize these programs as widely as possible by announcing them in your various club activities and by telling the hour of the programs to all with whom you come in contact."

*Suggestions from the National President.*—In carrying on the work of the basic Auxiliary organizations, Mrs. Herbert, the National president, makes the following suggestions: "As we begin the records of the new year, let us continue to emphasize the importance of accuracy. It is vital to the National Auxiliary that each state and county organization keep their records accurate and up to date, with names and addresses in alphabetical order. The National treasurer and Chairman of Finance are working out plans to simplify the present system, and these plans cannot succeed unless based on accurate records of each individual Auxiliary.

"The National Auxiliary is dependent for its functioning power upon the cooperation of the state and county members, and their records may be compared with the wheels within a watch that, no matter how small, contribute to the perfect recording of time if perfect themselves, but throw the whole out of balance if imperfect.

"Records for permanent filing are sent to the historian by National, State, and County Auxiliaries, and from the historian they pass on to the Chairman of Archives.

"As we enter the new year, let us bear in mind the significant part that each Auxiliary member plays in forwarding our great health work, and let us remember that it is only through the closest cooperation and constancy to purpose that we can hope to achieve any measure of success."

### County Auxiliary Reports

*Kern County.*—The Woman's Auxiliary to the Kern County Medical Society entertained their husbands at dinner on December 21 at the Stockdale Country Club. The tables were beautifully decorated with holly and red candles. This Christmas party is an annual occasion, and the attendance this year numbered over a hundred members and visitors. The guests of honor were: Dr. Robert Peers, president of the California Medical Association; Dr. Edward Pallette, the president-elect; Dr. C. G. Toland, the past president; Dr. Frederick C. Warnshuis, the secretary-treasurer; Dr. Henry J. Ullmann, a councilor of the third district from Santa Barbara; Dr. Charles Evans and Dr. and Mrs. Earl Moody, also of

Santa Barbara; Dr. John V. Barrow of Los Angeles and Mrs. Barrow, president of the Los Angeles County Woman's Auxiliary; Dr. A. E. Anderson, Mr. Alfred Siemon, and Mr. and Mrs. Dale Parke of Los Angeles. Some very interesting and instructive talks were made by the distinguished guests, after which the evening was spent in dancing and games.

The committee in charge of the arrangements included: Mesdames Louis Packard, S. C. Compton, P. N. Root, F. J. Gundry, Jack M. Nicholson, and N. N. Brown.

The next meeting of the Auxiliary will be held in February, when the State Auxiliary president, Mrs. Thomas J. Clark of Oakland, will be entertained.

MRS. N. N. BROWN, *President*.

*Los Angeles County.*—A Christmas party, together with gifts and a one-act play, featured the December meeting of the Los Angeles County Woman's Auxiliary, held in the Association building on the 17th. Gifts of food, clothing, and toys, brought to the meeting by the members, were later packed into baskets and distributed the day before Christmas to fifty families of the profession, who were incapacitated either by age or illness.

"The Doctor's Christmas Dinner," a play written by Mrs. Mark Albert Glaser, was put on by a spirited cast under the competent direction of Mrs. Charles E. Futch. This comedy represented a familiar scene in every doctor's household—the impatient family gathered about the table for a delayed dinner party. When the doctor does finally appear and a happy occasion is in sight, the inevitable emergency call comes and the doctor, like an old fire-horse keen for the fray, speeds off on his errand of mercy. The members of the cast included: Mesdames William R. Molony, Jr., Walter H. Boyd, Elizabeth G. McKelvey, E. B. Plimpton, A. Brockway, Dr. Silas A. Lewis, and Mr. Frank Tote.

Not included in the script of the play, came a near tragedy when Dr. Silas Lewis, impersonating the head of the house, flourished his carving knife realistically over the beautifully browned turkey, which his audience knew was to be raffled off later and, therefore, to be kept intact. Of this, the doctor's able acting seemed to give no hint, and the contour of the fine bird remained in jeopardy until the phone call rushed the carver from the scene to save a patient. The turkey raffle brought in proceeds of \$25, which were used in helping to provision the Christmas baskets.

Mrs. Steele F. Stewart concluded the program with an excellent review of Hans Zinsser's colorful book, "Rats, Lice, and History." As the Lilliputians conquered Gulliver, so has the infinitesimal louse conquered great armies and changed the history of the world by spreading disease and destruction. Only since the life history of this insect has been studied and revealed by scientific workers has man become in part a conqueror, and only by constant and adequate vigilance can he remain in the ascendancy. This book presents a challenge to the world and a triumph for scientific research.

MRS. HAROLD E. CROWE, *Corresponding Secretary*.

*Sacramento County.*—The regular meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary to the Sacramento Society for Medical Improvement was held at the home of the president, Mrs. Frederick N. Scatena, on Tuesday evening, December 17, 1935. There was no business meeting, as the occasion was planned as a Christmas party. Each member brought a "white elephant" gift, which was placed in a large basket in the entrance hall. Everyone played bridge and visited in the rooms, which were beautifully decorated for the holiday season. The president presented her Executive Board as hostesses for the evening.

The program chairman, Mrs. Harry Kanner, introduced Mrs. Irma Sheean and Mr. Rudolph Caffan, who sang, both as soloists and in duets, accompanied by Mrs. Zue Geery Pease. After the entertainment and cards, Mrs. E. O. Brown acted as Santa Claus and distributed the gifts. Light refreshments followed, served by Mesdames Scatena, Harry Kanner, A. K. Dunlap, William

Van Den Berg, F. B. Brendel, T. Binkley, W. A. Reckers, J. T. Vance, E. O. Brown, Russel Harris, E. T. Rulison, Lorenz Ruddy, and George Foster.

SARAH L. BRENDL, *Corresponding Secretary*.

*Santa Clara County.*—The regular meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary to the Santa Clara County Medical Society was held on January 6 at Saren's in San Jose, with Mrs. Russel Lee presiding. Our guests, Mrs. Thomas J. Clark of Oakland and Mr. Louis Olsen of Palo Alto, spoke before the business session. Mrs. Clark told of the aims of the Auxiliary and of its growth. In her charming way she brought us in closer touch with the State and National Auxiliary organizations and with the work they are doing. Mr. Olsen, public health officer of Palo Alto, spoke on *Epidemiology*. He touched on the history, type and control of epidemic diseases such as plague, cholera, smallpox, typhoid, and typhus.

At the business meeting fifty members answered to the roll call. A paragraph from a letter from the Los Angeles County Woman's Auxiliary regarding the radio broadcasts was read. The program chairman announced that a party to include the husbands is being planned, and the exact date will be set in the near future.

MRS. MERLIN MAYNARD, *Corresponding Secretary*.

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## COMPONENT COUNTY MEDICAL SOCIETIES CLARK COUNTY

The Clark County Medical Society held its monthly meeting on December 9, 1935, at the Sal Sagev Hotel. The following members were in attendance: Doctors Martin, Mildren, Balcom, Garrison, Van Meter, Jannson, Scofield, Slavin, Bryan, Blinstrub, McDaniels, and Woodbury. Guests of the Society were Doctors Schenck, De Smit and McKee, and Mr. Larson, x-ray technician of the Boulder City Hospital.

The Society was extremely fortunate in having for its guest and speaker of the evening, Dr. Ross Moore of Los Angeles. Doctor Moore has interested and acquainted himself with the field having to do with the autonomic system. The speaker, with the aid of charts, discussed the functions and the relationship of that system with the other systems and organs of the body. He was especially enthusiastic concerning research and experimental work under consideration, revealing the interrelationship of the autonomic system and the endocrine glands. It was his feeling that as additional knowledge is uncovered concerning the functions of the autonomic system, so will a much broader and more accurate insight into the field of therapeutics—both medical and surgical—be gained. Already progress has been made in the surgical treatment of those bugaboos of medicine, namely, arthritis and hypertension, through the resection of certain fibers of the autonomic system. The Society is deeply indebted to Doctor Moore for the pleasing and enthusiastic manner in which a rather technical subject was presented.

Following the address by Doctor Moore the Society proceeded with the election of officers. Dr. J. R. McDaniels, Jr., of Boulder City, was elected president; Doctor Scanlon of Searchlight, vice-president; and Doctor Slavin of Las Vegas was reelected secretary-treasurer. New members elected to the Society included Doctors Schenck and De Smit of the Boulder City Hospital staff, and Doctor Bryan, who transferred from his Society in Mississippi to the local unit.

HALE B. SLAVIN, *Secretary*.